

REMARKS**Status of the Claims**

Claims 4, 5, 7-10, 14, 15, 27, 32, 38, and 41 are currently present in the Application, and claims 4, 5, 7, 14, 27, 32, 38, and 41 are independent claims. Claims 4, 5, 7, 14, 27, 32, 38, and 41 have been amended, and claims 3, 6, 20-25, 30, 31, 35, 37, 39, and 40 have been canceled in this Response.

As noted in the Final Office Action, the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences affirmed the rejections of claims 1, 3, 18, 20, 28, and 30, but reversed all rejections against claims 4-10, 14, 15, 21-23, 25, 27, 31-33, 35, and 38-41. The Examiner has canceled independent claims 1, 18, and 28. Applicants have rewritten allowable claims 4, 5, 7, 14, 27, 32, 38, and 41 in independent form, and therefore respectfully submit that these claims are in condition for allowance. The remaining claims depend from allowable, independent claims, and are therefore also in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

As a result of the foregoing, it is asserted by Applicants that the remaining claims in the Application are in condition for allowance, and Applicants respectfully request an early allowance of such claims.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact the Applicants' attorney listed below if the Examiner believes that such a discussion would be helpful in resolving any remaining questions or issues related to this Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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